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## CLSS Refurbish ABDR site

by Senior Airman Robert Sperling  
445th AW/Public Affairs

**F**ive members from the 445th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS) Aircraft Battle Damage Repair (ABDR) specialty are keeping busy during their annual tour by refurbishing the unit's training aircraft.

"These members are preparing themselves for the rigors of repairing aircraft damaged due to combat operations in unimproved areas by using only the facilities and tools that they would have available to them in a forward location," said

Tech. Sgt. Scott McMillan, Air Force Material Command's (AFMC) Supply and Transportation Advisor to the 445th CLSS, and member of the 653rd CLSS at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

These five troops have been working since June 8, 2002 scrubbing, cleaning and painting the aircraft by hand using industrial sized Scotch-Brite pads, pressure washing equipment and domestic paint rollers that can be purchased from any home and garden store. The CLSS troops are working on the unit's ABDR Training and Exercise Site, where a number of "damaged" aircraft and equipment, including one C-130 cargo aircraft, two F-16 fighters, and two truck trailers that are used as Mobile Maintenance Operation Control Centers. The three aircraft are decommissioned with their engines removed. Some of the planes do however have functioning electronic and hydraulic systems so simulated battle damage will damage those systems providing the troops comprehensive repair scenarios.

"The troops, Senior Master Sgt. Charles Burket, Tech. Sgts. Phil Textor, Chesterfield Hardy and Raymond Moss, have been working diligently to finish the C-130 refurbishment in between the rain drops," said Master Sgt. Tony Dawson, an ABDR Instructor with the CLSS.

"Our primary goal is to bring the quality of the aircraft to a standard that the unit requires as well as sharpening our skills in damaged aircraft repair."

"The end goal of this exercise is to bring all of the aircraft and equipment to a condition that would be comparable to that of the aircraft operating in the field," said Tech. Sgt. McMillan. CLSS units, both active duty and reserve, are composed of handpicked military personnel in selected maintenance, supply, and transportation Air Force specialties. Maintenance personnel



**Senior Master Sgt. Charles Burket and Tech. Sgt. Phil Textor, from 445th CLSS apply a fresh coat of paint to the unit's ABDR training C-130.**

assigned to these units are trained in rapid ABDR and depot level maintenance techniques including; sheet metal, electronics, jet engines, and hydraulics systems specialties. The supply and transportation personnel are trained to augment supply and freight-packaging operations, along with performing as a team member of a rapid area distribution support team or RADS team.

The 445th CLSS is gained by AFMC when activated, making it the only unit in the wing not gained by Air Mobility Command. 445th's unit are currently on annual tour at Duke Field, Fla. assisting and training with active duty CLSS members while others are preparing to go deploy to Hill AFB, Utah later this year.



Photos by SrA. Sperling

**Tech. Sgts. Chesterfield Hardy and Raymond Moss from 445th CLSS "touch up" the tail section of the CLSS's ABDR C-130.**

## America's Spiritual Heritage

*1st Lt. (Chaplain) Andre L. Saunders  
445th AW/Chaplains Office*

A century and a half before the Bills of Rights was framed, the early colonist adopted the Constituion of the New England Confederation.

The little colony of Rhode Island became the first political state in this nation to guarantee absolute religious freedom to all faiths, from the declared intent of what the framers of the Constitution perceived, relative to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This was in 1644.

Moreover, before the Liberty Bell was hung in Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, in 1752, our Christian patriots directed that this inspired Scripture from Lev. 25:10 be inscribed thereon: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto the inhabitants thereof."

At the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin rose to utter these words: "... God governs the affairs of men: and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?" He and other brave Christian patriots signed the Declaration of Independence. That brave cohort knelt in prayer, and the result was the Bill of Rights, the Magna Carta of our freedom.

Faith in God and the Bible is interwoven into the very fabric of our nation's history.



## 'Wing is strong,' says new wing commander

*by Master Sgt. John Klemack  
445th AW/Public Affairs*

With only one-and-a-half weeks as the newly-ensconced commander of the 445th Airlift Wing, Col. Hanferd J. "Rusty" Moen, Jr., seems confident, comfortable, and quite pleased with the wing's performance..

"The wing is strong," said Moen. "Everything is looking up – inspections, manning – everything." Moen also said he had been thoroughly briefed on what to expect by his predecessor, Brig. Gen. Paul R. Cooper, and by 4th Air Force commander, Maj. Gen. James Czekanski. Moen spoke with high praise of 445th operations and maintenance personnel, pointing specifically to their heavy workload increase since September 11th of last year. Grinning slightly, he also complemented the wing's flying hour program, expecting a three-month-early completion of the requisite flying hours.

When asked if he has seen anything that might require immediate change, Col. Moen conceded that "every new commander comes in with a fresh set of eyeballs," but hastened to add that nothing major requires attention. He said there are some "small" areas he would like to "tweak," but again noted that the wing's in great shape! His primary attention will be devoted to what the wing needs to perform its mission, ensuring that the 445th gets the funding and operations & maintenance facilities it needs.



**Col. Hanferd J. Moen Jr.**

On the subject of the wing's conversion to C-5s, Moen said that though conversions are "never fun, a lot of hard work," and are sometimes marked by turmoil and uncertainty, they truly present an "opportunity to excel." One could tell from his tone that he was not using that expression as a cliché. "What's important here is that we have a follow-on mission (after the C-141s retire)," he said.

The colonel gives the impression of an easygoing, direct, to the point, no-nonsense kind of guy. That's reflected in one of his favorite lines: "If it's not better than the Gettysburg Address, it had better be shorter. (I wondered for a moment if the boss was hinting broadly to me about the length of this interview.)

Moen is looking forward to the wing's Operational Readiness Inspection, expecting a duplicate of the wing's performance in a recent joint readiness assistance visit at Volk Field Air National Guard Base, Wisc. (In May, more than 450 wing members participated in a week-long exercise designed to prepare for the upcoming Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection.) "The wing did a great job at Volk," said Moen. If we keep a positive attitude and concentrate on the mission, we're bound to continue that tradition of outstanding performance the 445th is known for."

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# Employer Appreciation Day Nomination Form

The 445th Airlift Wing will sponsor an appreciation day for civilian employers of 445th reservist on Saturday, September 7. The program will include a briefing about the 445th mission and a flight aboard a C-141C Starlifter.

Employer support is critical to the success of the Air Force Reserve. The flight will offer your civilian employer an opportunity to see the 445th in operation - up close - and to see the importance of your participation in the Reserve. Don't waste this opportunity to educate, or thank your employer for their support.

Nominated employees will be sent a letter of invitation prior to the flight to determine if they are interested in participating. You may nominate one person to participate - only an individual who is your supervisor, foreman, manager, etc., is eligible. Forms must be returned to the 445th Public Affairs office no later than Friday, August 12.

If your employer is a confirmed participant, you will be permitted to reschedule your UTA to Sept. 7 if it is not your regular training weekend. For more information, contact the PA office at (937) 257-5784.



PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED

EMPLOYER'S NAME (ONE ): \_\_\_\_\_

HIS OR HER POSITION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS/COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER'S DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER: (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME AND RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON OF ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER: (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that I may nominate only one individual to participate and that the nominated individual must be in my chain of command.**

YOUR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM TO:**

445 AW/PA, 5514 McCormick Ave./ Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433-5113 or delivery to Bldg.4010, Room 141, 445 AW Headquarters or FAX a copy to (937) 257-8291.

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## Aircrews delivered 62 more detainees to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base

by SrA Robert Sperling  
445th AW/Public Affairs

Strong winds churned up white caps across Guantanamo Bay the week of June 16th as Air Force Reserve C-141 Starlifters streamed in carrying cargo of more suspected Taliban and al-Qaeda detainees.

Arriving under tight air and ground security the two flights by 445th crews, carrying 34 and 28 detainees respectively, brought the total of captured enemy combatants to 564 currently housed on the southeast tip of Cuba some 400 miles south of Miami. So far this month, 180 detainees have arrived at "Gitmo" as part of the global war on terrorism.

The detainees arrive at the facility outfitted in orange jump suits. During their in processing they are supplied with towels, a washcloth, a canteen, a second jump suit, blankets, a sheet, a foam rubber bed mat, and shampoo. The detainees are also offered a chance to write a letter confirming where they are and that they're safe, the letter will then be mailed to whomever they choose. Since the discovery of two cases of tuberculosis each detainee is given a chest X-ray in addition to their formal physical examination.

Camp Delta, run by Joint Task Force 160, is Guantanamo Bay Naval Base's newest holding facility. The facility was designed to eventually hold as many as 2,000 detainees in individual 8-by-7 foot cells. Each cell is outfitted with a flush toilet, metal bed frame and a sink with running water.

Spokesperson for Joint Task Force 160 Lt. Col. Joe Huey, a member of the Rhode Island National Guard's 43rd Military Police Brigade said, "as long (they're) here, we will treat them humanely." We are a nation of laws, but you can also rest assured that they won't be planning or participating in the murder of thousands of innocent victims," said Huey.

Since the first detainees arrived on Jan. 11 the joint effort has successfully completed 21 separate transport missions.

## Veterans Center residents enjoy a picnic

by Staff Sgt. Charlie Miller  
445th AW/Public Affairs

The Air Force Sergeants Association, the Air Force Association and the 445th Airlift Wing teamed up once again for an event at the Veteran's Center in Dayton. The annual picnic was held on June 8 near the hospital and the recreational center for any and all residents. A dozen 445th members volunteered to help with the picnic.

"The look in the residents eyes when they see someone in uniform is indescribable," said Master Sgt. Skip Burnham, First Sergeant, 445th Mission Support Squadron. "It's good to come out here and support these veterans. They led the way and we are continuing their legacy."

With over 40 volunteers from the AFSA and the ASA there was plenty of food and drink for the veterans who attended. Systems Go! from the Air Force Band of Flight provided the live entertainment. Their charging through the Irish rock group U2's hit single "Beautiful Day" as lunch was served was quite appropriate. Finally, a day in the Miami Valley without four more inches of rain!

"They looked after us, some were injured while on active duty. They paid the price of freedom, they answered duty's call," Burnham said. "If it weren't for them, where might we be today?"

"This is a pretty big event for the residents," said Staff Sgt. Melinda Modra, one of the main AFSA organizers of the picnic. "It seems like they really, really appreciate what we do. They look forward to us coming."

The two associations have been hosting Christmas parties and summer picnics at various VA centers for almost 25 years. The 445th has been involved for over 5 years.

"This is a way to pay respect to the veterans and it's a great way to volunteer," she said. Modra is on active duty serving as an instructor at the Airman Leadership Development School are here at Wright-Patt.

"It's great to get a chance to meet those who have gone before you," said 445th

Commander Col. "Rusty" Moen who attended the event. "It's nice to see the good care our veterans are getting. They deserve it."

**Tech. Sgt. Kevin Brown from the 445th Operations Group, talks with VA Center resident Charles Brown who served with the 8th Air Force during WWII.**

(Photos by Staff Sgt. Miller)



**Command Chief Master Sgt. Ricky Waggy views official discharge papers of VA Center resident Fred Chesley. Chesley's military service includes the Army and Air Force.**



# Lights, Camera, Action!

445th AES featured in an AFRC recruiting commercial to air this fall



left:  
*Lights...*



above: *Camera...*

right:  
*ACTION!!!*



left: Make-up specialist Laura Robinson helps prepare patients Maj. Nancy Bryne and Staff Sgt. Johnathan Hartman



left: Patients gather for their big scene before boarding the C-141 and being placed on a litter



left: Medical technicians Capt. Barb Kibbins, Capt. Todd Mulhorn, Master Sgt. Greg Thompson and Staff Sgt. Becca Timmons rush to board a waiting C-141

right: EMT's Staff Sgt. Carl Hayden and Tech. Sgt. Chris Kotsko prepare an infant incubator for the waiting medical technicians



left: Cameraman John Gunselman films Pilots Capt. Mike Baker and Capt. Brett Manger on the flightdeck



left: John Gunselman, cameraman, films takeoff of a C-141 as an ambulance races by

Photos by Master Sgt. Doug Moore



## 101 Critical Days of Summer

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## A time to exercise caution

By Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III  
Commander of Air Force Reserve Command

Since the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2002, we are all much more aware of the need for diligent force protection. However, we also need to apply that same kind of vigilance off duty in the coming months, as we attempt to pack as much fun as possible into an all-too-brief summer.

Memorial Day Weekend signals the start of the Critical 101 Days of Summer, a time when off-duty mishaps are more likely to happen. Long workdays, coupled with alcohol consumption and horseplay, can spell disaster for even the most-seasoned citizen airman.

Here's a list of tried-and-true suggestions from the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Directorate of Safety on how to survive and remain uninjured during the 101 critical days:

✪ Alcohol consumption: Don't drink and operate vehicles, such as automobiles, boats, jet skis, etc. If you drink, do it moderately and always appoint a designated driver;

✪ Traveling: Be sober, vigilant and well-rested;

✪ Boating: Know your craft and the waters you are operating within, and use personal floatation devices;

✪ Swimming: Swim with a buddy in known waters and don't drink;

✪ Jet skiing: Operate with caution, staying away from boaters, fishermen, swimmers and other jet skiers;

✪ Seatbelts: Use them and ensure passengers do the same. Remember, "it's the law;"

✪ Outdoor activities: Stretch muscles before athletic activity, don't overdo it, avoid prolonged exposure to the sun, use sunscreens and drink plenty of water; and

✪ Risk management: Use common sense, plan ahead and be prepared.

Enjoy your summer with family and friends, but be safe. Each member of our force is an irreplaceable resource in the continuing war on terrorism. Our nation needs each of us, our families need us, and I need you to help meet the challenges our nation is asking of our Great Air Force! (AFRC News Service)

## Activated wing members take charge

by Senior Airman Robert Sperling  
445th AW/Public Affairs

Activated members of the 445th Airlift Wing have proven themselves to be invaluable assets to the various units they are filling, both in the continental United States and abroad. The 445th Security Force Squadron and members of the 445th Military Support Squadron are currently filling key leadership roles as well as providing services to the community that go

above and beyond the call of duty, and they have been doing so since their activation on November 8, 2001.

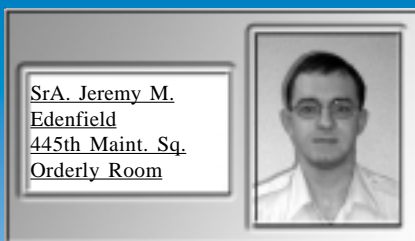
The security force members have been involved in tasks ranging from training and deploying with active duty members to performing boat and bicycle patrol duties in addition to their traditional obligations of force protection. Several 445th members have already received awards of excellence and tokens of appreciation from their base and unit commanders.

Even though some reserve component units are drawing down the number of mobilized individuals, the 445th Airlift Wing is still maintaining the highest level of involvement with the War on Terrorism and is prepared to do its part for as long as it takes.



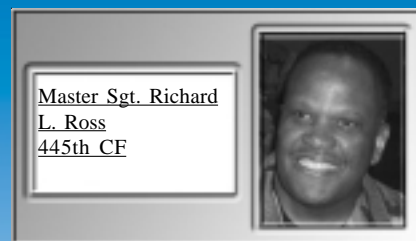
Master Sgt. Tracy L.  
Gregory  
356 ALS

Civilian job: Administrative Assistant  
Hobbies: Enjoys reading and gardening



SrA. Jeremy M.  
Edenfield  
445th Maint. Sq.  
Orderly Room

Civilian job: Plastic Mold Machine Operator  
Hobbies: Enjoys working with computers, hunting and fishing  
Family: He is married with one child



Master Sgt. Richard  
L. Ross  
445th CF

Civilian job: Retired  
Hobbies: Enjoys fishing, boating, restoring his house, and traveling with the Air Force Reserve  
Family: Married with one son in the Army and three grandchildren

## Wing Profiles



## Welcome and Congratulations!

### Promotions

*Congratulations to the following personnel, recently promoted to the rank indicated:*

#### Airman First Class



Danny Burton Jr., 445 ASTS

#### Senior Airman



Olivia Downton, 445 AES  
Rachel Greene, 445 ASTS  
Nicholas Wilson, 445 ASTS

#### Staff Sergeant



Timothy Schiel, 356 AS

#### Technical Sergeant



Debbie Flake, 445 ASTS  
Doyle Hytchye, 445 ASTS  
Ronald Wenclewicz, 445ASTS

### Reenlistments

*Congratulations to the following 445th AW members who recently re-enlisted in the Reserve.*

#### 445 MSS

SrA. Jocelyn Burrowes  
SrA. Luke Miller  
SSgt. Randy Sergeant  
TSgt. John Buffenbarger  
TSgt. Randy Robb  
MSgt. Michael Spillman

#### 89 AS

SSgt. Charles Fritz Sr

#### 356 AS

TSgt. Bret Baker

#### 445 AW

TSgt. David Filipkowski

#### 445 ASTS

TSgt. Rudolph McIntosh  
MSgt. Michael Decirota  
MSgt. Larry Osborne  
CMSgt. Michael Mathews

#### 445 AES

TSgt. Paul Sherrod

#### 445 CLSS

MSgt. Henry Brady

#### 445 LG

MSgt. Gerard Johns

#### 445 OG

SMSgt. Kevin Beck

### Newcomers

*Welcome to the following reservists, recently assigned to the 445th AW:*

A1C Andrea Lacourse, 445 CLSS  
A1C Sarah Snider, 445 ASTS  
A1C Tawyna Winterstein, 445ASTS  
SrA. Jocelyn Burrowes, 445 AMDS  
SrA. Luke Miller, 445 MXS  
SrA. Christina Rosier, 445 CLSS  
SrA. Robert Sherwood, 445 ASTS  
SrA. Robert Sperling, 445 AW  
SSgt. Rex Donnell, 445 LSS  
SSgt. Mark Flanery, 445 OSS  
SSgt. Scott Tate, 445 LSS

### Awards

*Congratulations to the following 445th AW members who recently earned awards.*

#### Meritorious Service Medal

Maj. David Turner, 89 AS

CMSgt. Ray Combs, 445 AGS  
SMSgt. John Mills, 445 OSS  
SMSgt. Gary Worrell, 87 APS  
MSgt. John Marshall, 445 AGS  
TSgt. Lloyd Woody, 445 LSS

#### Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt. Robert Ehrenborg, 89 AS  
Capt. William Phillis Jr., 89 AS  
MSgt. Teresa Pitstick, 89 AS  
MSgt. Richard Priest, 445 AGS  
TSgt. Alan Harmon, 445 AES  
TSgt. Joseph Kotsko, 445 AES

#### Air Force Achievement Medal

1Lt. Sheryl Scharzkopf, 445 AES  
MSgt. Stanley Evans, 445 MXS  
MSgt. Donald Prewitt, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Jason Besser, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Charles Everett, 445 AGS  
TSgt. Michael Ferguson, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Terrence Hamman, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Todd Hayes, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Richard Lehman, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Samuel Mitchell, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Terry Netts, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Dennis Popik II, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Douglas Simon, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Joseph Simon, 445 OSS  
SSgt. Richard Ratliff, 445 MXS

## AES host visitors

*by Maj. Ted Theopolos  
445th AW/Public Affairs*

The 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron added two more officers to their roster. Well, for at least two weeks. They hosted two German officers in an exchange program through the pentagon. The medical unit hosted Maj. Christian Gierend and Capt. Keno Leites, both engineers in the German Air Force. The officers were selected by their military to participate in the exchange program.

"It's very competitive to get into the program," said Leites. "There were 16 officers that made the trip this year."

Both officers are reservists and work with the active duty military while on orders.

"We do not have a command reserve organization," said Leites. "Each active duty unit is assigned reserve slots and reservists fill the slots. There is no reserve wing like the one you have here."

The officers not only spent time with the AES, but they visited the AF Museum, MSX complex, fly on the C-141 and try their skills flying the aircraft simulator mentioned Lt. Col. Allen Gilbar who was there escort for their stay.

"We enjoyed the simulator," said Gierend. "We didn't crash either," the captain said with a smile on his face.

When asked about promotions, again it was slot that you were filling that defines your promotion, very much like our reserve positions in the wing.

"If you want to move up in rank," said Leites, "you need to move to a position that has the higher rank. If you don't move up in rank, you can stay in that position as long as the active duty commander allows it."

How they are paid is quite different than how we get paid.

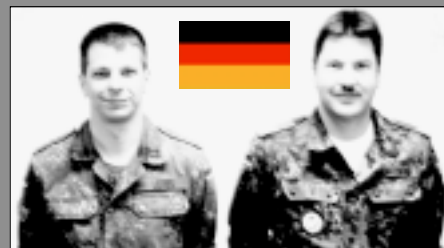
"We are paid by our local community," said Leites. We get paid our normal civilian salary, plus fifteen-dollars from the military."

"There is a cap on how much the community is willing to pay though," said Gierend. "There is a formula the community uses to figure your salary."

As a reservist they have to have so many days on duty before they are eligible to retire.

"We have to have 9 months of cumulative time on active duty before age 60 in order to retire, said Leites.

Both officers were going back to the pentagon to join the other exchange students before heading back to Germany.



Left: Capt. Keno Leites and Maj. Christian Gierend from Germany.



# HRDC ... What's it all about?

by Maj Phyllis Plear  
445th AW

Air Force Reserve Command has tasked each wing to develop a Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) that is charged to advise and make recommendations to commanders and senior leaders on all matters pertaining to human resources within their organizations. Cultural diversity is a readiness issue; the primary challenge for local HRDCs is how best to assist the commander in managing diversity in the Air Force Reserve.



The Wing Commander or Vice Commander is the key decision maker who

approves or disapproves improvements or tasks agencies to study human resource matters. Each local HRDC has three primary focuses when working with traditional reservists, civilians and Air Reserve Technicians. Emphasis is placed upon **recruitment, retention, and career/personal development.**

People are our most important asset; the HRDC is a vehicle used to address readiness issues. Councils are made up of representatives from different sections in the Wing that reflect the makeup of the organization. Look for more career broadening and morale enhancing initiatives from your 445 AW HRDC. For more information please visit the command website at [www.mil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc/default.htm](http://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/special/hrdc/default.htm).



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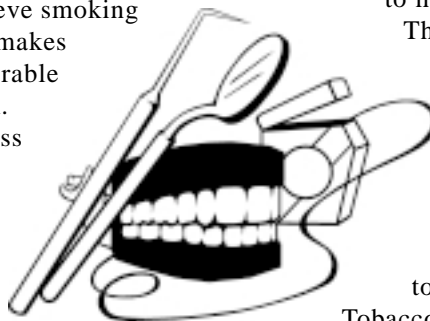
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*Study suggests cigarettes can quadruple risk of disease*

## Smoking may have major impact on gums

by Lt. Col. Glenn Lucas  
445th AMDS/Chief Dental Officer

Researchers believe smoking causes damage that makes the gums more vulnerable to bacterial infection. Tobacco can suppress the body's immune system, impeding its ability to fight infection. It also reduces blood flow to the gums, depriving them of nutrients that allow the gums to stay healthy.



Current smokers of more than 1-1/2 packs of cigarettes per day were nearly six times more likely than nonsmokers to have periodontal disease.

Those who smoked less than half a pack were almost three times more likely to have the disease.

Prevention of gum disease is just another good reason to quit smoking!

Tobacco prevention and cessation will be critical in reducing periodontal disease.

## Deployed or about to? Bill collectors hunting you down? There is help available



in pay when called to active duty.

For help, reservists can turn to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (SSCRA), which provides a wide range of protections. The SSCRA is intended to postpone or suspend certain civil obligations to enable service members to devote full attention to duty.

Buying a new sports car or other big-ticket items may seem like a good idea at the present. However, payments may become impossible for reservists if they take a cut

The act does not apply to criminal matters.

The protection generally begins when a person starts active duty and ends within 30 to 90 days after the discharge date from active duty.

Besides installment contracts the act covers issues such as rent, interest fees, stay of proceedings, default judgments, insurance, state taxes and adverse credit actions. More information about these subjects is available through the Air Reserve Personnel Center home page under legal assistance, in the judge advocate general section. Members of the 445th Airlift Wing can obtain more information about SSCRA from legal office located in building 4010, room 146 or by calling 257-3535. (AFRC News Service)

